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Applicant(s): Hidenari YASUI et al

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TREATMENT OF AQUEOUS ORGANIC WASTES

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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 1996, Applicants amend as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

- Line 4; change "the" (second occurrence) to ---an---.
- Line 7; change "microorganisms, the" to ---microorganisms. The---.
- Line 9; change "exhausted" to ---removed---.
- Line 10; delete "the" (first occurrence).
- Line 15; change "treatment," to ---treatment.---.
- Line 16; change "whereby the" to --- The---.
- Line 19; after "even" insert --- reduce it---.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

- Page 1, line 17; change "running" to ---operation---.
 - line 19; before "occurrence" insert ---the---.
 - line 21; delete "be".
 - line 22; change "dewatered" to ---dewater---.
- Page 2, line 12; change "in" to ---under---.
 - line 15; before "digestion" insert ---the---.
 - line 21; change "the" (second occurrence) to
 - ---a---.
 - line 23; change "deposition" to ---burial---.
- Page 3, line 6; change "an enough" to ---sufficient---.
 - line 15; before "occurrence" insert ---the---.